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Alderdice condemns Maghera murder

Speaking in Maghera to a peace service in the recreation centre, Alliance Leader Lord Alderdice condemned those who shot Fergal McCusker last night.

Lord Alderdice said:

"In all our work for peace, we should never forget that there are wicked people, so full of hate that they have no interest in peace, and no interest in a better future.

"Those who killed Fergal McCusker are committed to violence and destruction, and in my view no peace settlement and no peace process that has a hope of success will be inclusive of them. This is a hard reality. Peace is not something that simply happens by default. It comes as a result of hard work and healing negotiations, but it also comes from confronting vicious terrorists."

Notes: Today's Peace Service, held in Maghera Recreation Centre, was organised by the Maghera Peace Group. Held quarterly, this was the first service of the New Year. Lord Alderdice addressed the service at the invitation of the Maghera Peace Group.

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